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Docket No.: 13133-US-PA
Application No.: 10/711, 627

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding nonfinal Office Action mailed January 16, 2007. The Office Action has rejected claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Ahn (US 6,774,975; hereinafter "Ahn"). Further, the Office Action has objected to claims 5, 7, and 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

After carefully considering the remarks set forth in this Office Action and the cited reference, Applicant has directly rewritten dependent claims 5, 7, and 9 into independent form (i.e., claim1, claim11, and claim15), and canceled claims 4-9 to more clearly define the present invention. Further, Applicant has added new dependent claims 12-14 and 16-18 that respectively depend upon claim 11 and claim 15. It is believed that the foregoing amendments and additions add no new matter to the present application. After entry of the foregoing amendments, the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection are respectfully requested.

Discussion of Office Action Objections

The Office Action objected claims 5, 7, and 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

In response thereto, Applicant has directly rewritten claims 5, 7, and 9 containing allowable subject matter in independent form (i.e., claim1, claim11, claim15) by integrating claims 4 and 5 into claim 1, integrating claims 1, 6, and 7 into claim 11,

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and integrating claims 1, 8 and 9 into claim 15 to more clearly define the present invention, which render the objections set forth above moot.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C 103 (a)

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Ahn (US 6,774,975).

In response thereto, Applicant has directly rewritten claims 5, 7, and 9 in independent form (i.e., claim1, claim11, claim15) by integrating claims 4 and 5 into claim 1, integrating claims 1, 6, and 7 into claim 11, and integrating claims 1, 8 and 9 into claim 15, made dependent claims 2, 3 and 10 to depend upon the currently amended claim 1, and canceled claims 4-9, which render the rejections set forth above moot.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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